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Claims 1-12 and 14-18 were presented for examination. Claims 1-11 are allowed. Claims 12 and 14-18 were rejected.

The applicants have canceled claims 12 and 14-18 without prejudice, and respectfully reserve the right to re-present any or all of these claims in this or another application.

The applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following comments.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection of Claim 12

Claim 12 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Wagner, U.S. Patent 4,788,450.

The applicants have canceled claim 12.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection of Claims 14-18

Claims 14-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Wagner in view of Eng, U.S. Patent 4,745,299.

The applicants have canceled claims 14-18.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-11 are allowed, which the applicants acknowledge.

Request for Reconsideration Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Having responded to each and every ground for objection and rejection in the last Office action, applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the instant application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.111 and request that the Examiner allow all of the pending claims and pass the application to issue.

If there are remaining issues, the applicants respectfully request that Examiner telephone the applicants' agent so that those issues can be resolved as quickly as possible.

Respectfully,
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